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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	: 10/618,033	Confirmation No.	4112
Filing Date	: July 11, 2003		
Inventor(s)	: Yaron Keidar		
Title	: TRANS-SEPTAL SHEATH WITH SPLITTING DILATING NEEDLE AND METHOD FOR ITS USE		
Group Art Unit	: 3731		
Examiner Name	: Timothy J. Neal		
Docket No.	: 50572/W112	Date:	October 31, 2007

**MAIL TO: Mail Stop RCE**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**This application is not an application of the kind specified in 37 CFR § 1.114(e).**

1. THE STATUS OF THE APPLICATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

- a.   X   Pending (no review proceedings active)
- (1)   X   An Action was mailed by the Office on May 31, 2007, as to which no appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed and
- X   a response under 37 CFR § 1.116 was mailed on October 1, 2007
- via Express Mail
- X   with certificate of mailing under 37 CFR § 1.8
- X   that Action was a Final Rejection, the finality of which is to be withdrawn by this Request
- an appeal or civil action under 35 U.S.C. 141,145 or 146 has been terminated
- (2)        Allowed: the Notice of Allowance was mailed by the Office on
- the Issue Fee has not been paid
- the Issue Fee has been paid and a petition under 37 CFR § 1.313 was granted on
- b.        Pending (with review proceeding active)
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An appeal under 37 CFR § 1.191 has been filed. Applicant(s) hereby withdraw that appeal and request reopening of the prosecution of the application.

**2. SUBMISSION(S) REQUIRED (check at least one)****a. Previously submitted**

- ☒ Consider the amendments/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on October 1, 2007  
☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**b. Enclosed**

- ☐ Amendment/Reply  
☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ Documents under 37 CFR § 1.48  
☒ Petition for Extension of Time  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

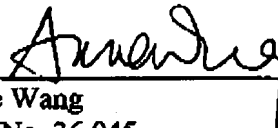
The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned promptly following receipt and initial review of the application in light of the Submissions(s) for the conduct of, or the scheduling of, a telephone interview in the application.

Please direct all correspondence to **CUSTOMER NUMBER 23363**. Direct telephone calls to 626/795-9900, **CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP, P.O. Box 7068, Pasadena, CA 91109-7068**.

Respectfully submitted,

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

**Application No. 10/618,033**

**PART I — BASIC FEE**

<b>BASIC FEE</b>	<b>Small Entity \$405.00</b>	<b>Large Entity \$810.00</b>	<b>\$810</b>
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**PART II — ADDITIONAL CLAIMS (compared to application before RCE)**

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims	22	*22	0	0 x \$25.00	0 x \$50.00	0
Independent Claims	2	**3	0	0 x \$105.00	0 x \$210.00	0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim				\$185.00	\$370.00	0
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS FEE</b>						<b>\$0</b>
List Independent Claims: 1 and 18						
* IF THE "HIGHEST NUMBER OF TOTAL CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR" IS LESS THAN 20, WRITE "20" IN THIS SPACE.						
** IF THE HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN THIS SPACE.						

1. FEES (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. Authorized Amount (total from Fee Calculation Sheet) \$810.00.
- b. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required for this transaction to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A duplicate copy hereof is enclosed.

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